

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Pentecost Sunday – Year C

8 June 2025

Welcome to our parish!

PRIESTS

Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

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Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

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PARISH OFFICE

🕒 **Mon, Thu** 10AM - 4PM
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SCHEDULE OF MASS

Weekend Mass

Saturday 8am, 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9:30am, 11am, 6pm

Weekday Mass

Mon - Fri 8am, 8pm

Devotion to the Sacred Heart

Every First Friday 8pm, we celebrate the Mass for the Sick and Carers of the Sick with Anointing of the Sick

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Fri 7:00 PM
Before 8PM Mass;
Reconciliation available

Reconciliation

Sat & Sun 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Mon - Fri 7:00 PM
Before 8PM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime (in hospital, page the Catholic priest on-call)

Baptism, Confirmation / RCIA, Wedding & Funeral

Please enquire via our parish office at stjocamper@gmail.com.

Baptism are usually scheduled Sunday 12:30pm; Baptismal instructions to be arranged with parents before baptism.

Weddings require six (6) months notice.

The scriptural readings for today's great feast are basically the ones we would expect. Each brings out a key feature of the early Church's sense of being a community created, enlivened and equipped for ministry by the Spirit of God.

It is Luke, of course, who has most memorably depicted the imparting of the Spirit upon the Church and located it on the Jewish feast of Pentecost. This feast, as its name in Greek indicates, took place fifty days (seven weeks) after Passover and involved a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to give thanks for the completion of the grain harvest and to celebrate the gift of the land.

UNIVERSAL MISSION

This theme of gathering is taken up in the **First Reading**, Acts 2:1-11, which lists at the end people from many regions who hear the testimony of the Spirit-filled apostles each in their own language. The reference is primarily to pilgrims from the Jewish diaspora but, almost certainly, Luke means us to find here a foretaste of the universal mission of the Church. The renewed "Israel" is now being empowered and equipped for its mission to be a "light for the revelation of the nations" (Luke 2:32), overcoming the dispersal and disunity of humankind as symbolised by the episode of the Tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9). The Church will speak in many languages but communicate through each the same essential message: "the marvels of God".

There is a play in the account upon the several senses of the word "tongue" (Greek glossa). While in Greek, as in English, it also means "language", it has here the metaphorical sense of "tongues of flame". There are biblical (OT) precedents for the sense of God's presence and power being communicated by manifestations of fire – notably when Israel stood before God at the foot of Mount Sinai (Exod 19:18; 24:17). Here the appearance of fire seems to come from some central source, from which distinct "tongues" separate off and come to rest upon individuals. The empowering Spirit, which rested solely upon Jesus during his own life (Luke 4:14, 17-19), has now, in accordance with his promise (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8a), been distributed among those chosen to carry on his mission – to Israel in first instance and ultimately "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8b).

UNSELFISH LOVE OF CHRIST

The **Second Reading**, Romans 8:8-17, speaks of Christian experience of the Spirit in a more inward, personal way. Paul's language of "flesh" and "spirit" needs careful handling. Living "according to the flesh" does not have primarily a sensual, let alone sexual, connotation; nor should the phrase be taken in a way that suggests that life in the body is the problem.

To live "according to the flesh" means to live selfishly – to place self and the concerns of self at the centre of existence. To live "according to the Spirit" is to allow the utterly unselfish love of Christ – who "gave himself up for us" (Gal 1:4) – to take over one's life and set it on the path to sharing God's eternal life. For Paul the Spirit is nothing other than the continuing influence in human lives of the transforming power of the risen Lord.

Second, the Spirit communicates to believers a sense of the intimacy with God that is theirs as sons and daughters in union with Christ. In a way for which as yet no strict parallel has been found in the Judaism of his time, Jesus seems to have addressed God as "Abba" – the informal address to the male parent in Aramaic (= "Dad"). This made such an impression upon the early disciples that even when they moved into Greek-speaking milieus, they retained the original Aramaic. More striking still, they found that the Spirit was impelling them to address God in the same familiar terms (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6) – a sure testimony that they now shared the intimacy and closeness of Jesus' relationship to God. The upshot is the banishment of fear and the hope of sharing Christ's risen life. The introduction to the Our Father in our Eucharistic liturgy retains the wonder of this: "We dare to say (Latin: audemus dicere) 'Our Father'".

MISSION OF RECONCILIATION

The **Gospel** – from John 20:19-23 – in accord with what seems to have been the earlier Christian tradition (see 1 Cor 15:45), locates the imparting of the Spirit more immediately with the resurrection and exaltation of the Lord. So, it is on the evening of "the first day of the week" (ie, Easter Sunday) that Jesus appears to the disciples, makes clear his identity, and imparts to them the "Peace" that overcomes their fear.

Then he imparts the Spirit to empower them to take up the mission that he himself has received from the Father. Essentially, it is a mission of reconciliation. He has died as the "Lamb who takes away the sins of the Lord" (1:29, 36; 19:36). From now on that capacity to reconcile in God's name is in their hands.

Commentary by Fr Brendan Byrne, SJ, FAHA. Fr Brendan taught New Testament at Jesuit Theological College, Parkville, Vic, for almost forty years. He is now Emeritus Professor at the University of Divinity (Melbourne). His commentaries on the Gospels can be found at Pauline Books and Media.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. It holds all things together and knows every word spoken by man, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **R**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.



Duccio, di Buoninsegna (1319), Pentecost - Panel from the Maesta Altarpiece of Siena

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-16,23-26

Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever.

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke of the great things God had done, alleluia.

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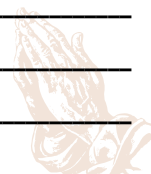
HOLY MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERINGS

Do you have Mass intentions you would like our parish to pray for? e.g. sickness, repose of the soul, thanksgiving, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, exams, and other special intentions you may have.

You may use one of the **Mass Intention Envelopes at the foyer of the church** or email us at stjocamper@gmail.com with the following information.

Date: _____ ☐ **Public** ☐ **Private**

Requested by: _____



WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY HOME VISITATION



The Pilgrim Mary Home Visitation commemorates the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 as we are called to do so by Pope Francis and to encourage our St Joseph's parishioners to pray the Holy Rosary in their homes with their families.

From 15 Aug 2024 to 15 Aug 2025, our Blessed Mother will be "on a pilgrimage" to our parishioners' homes each week. To **join this initiative**, you may approach the **members of the Legion of Mary** who assist before the start of Sunday/Vigil Masses or alternatively contact the parish office at stjocamper@gmail.com for assistance.



Follow us on Instagram to keep updated with parish activities!
@StJosephsCamperdown



Meet and chat over food and a cuppa! All are welcome!

PARISH MORNING TEA

2nd Sundays after 9:30am Mass

You are welcome to bring a plate to share! If you would like to **regularly contribute** to our **Parish Morning Tea**, contact our parish office at stjocamper@gmail.com.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



Lay Camillian Family

SYDNEY CHAPTER

If you happen to have **homebound, sick, handicapped, elderly, and frail family members and friends** who want to be visited and given Holy Communion on Sundays, please inform our parish office stjocamper@gmail.com or any members of our Lay Camillian Family and avail of our pastoral services to our suffering parishioners.

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- Breakfast daily & 7 dinners
- Touring by private, air-conditioned motor coach
- Hotel Accommodation
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- 6 Day Rome - Venice Pilgrimage Tour
- Breakfast daily & 5 dinners
- Touring by private, air-conditioned motor coach
- Hotel Accommodation
- Professional Tour Director and Local Guides

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST CONTACT SUSAN CLARK

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SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors If none indicated, the readers
This Sunday 7-8 Jun	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Gigi Philip F Marc S	Francisco T Menchu R Elly W Scholar	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
Next Sunday 14-15 Jun	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Alicia B Rachel S Elizabeth C Louie Seras	Louise S Leslie A Agnes W Suzanne M	Acu, Santa Maria, Francisco - -
Daily Mass	Morning Evening	Angeline L, Alicia B, Echie, Doris K (Thu), Garry C, The Sisters, Gemma T (Sat), Ricky L (Fri) Corazon F, Josie M (Fri only), Louise S, Maria C, Tim L, Alexander M		

Thank you very much for your generosity in volunteering as mass readers and collectors in our beloved parish. **Anyone wanting to volunteer, please ring or text Angeline 0431 718 137.** God bless.

PARISH CHOIR

ORGANIST/PIANIST | CONDUCTOR

Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass Fr Ruben, Dennis, Gemma
St Camillus & Ave Maria Choir
Sunday 9:30 AM Mass Allen, Ethel | Yani
Sunday Morning Choir
Sunday 11 AM Mass Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa
Chinese Community
Sunday 6 PM Mass Gemma | Teresa
St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir

Have you got the heart to volunteer in the music ministry?

Come and join our parish choir! You can contribute in singing, playing an instrument, or operating the slides.

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Families interested in enrolling their child are welcome to join the waitlist via scecs.nsw.edu.au/early-learning-childcare/scecs-upcoming-services-coming-soon.

RPAH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Seeking solace during illness or hospitalisation at RPA Hospital? Our Catholic Chaplaincy offers comforting visits, pastoral care, and sacraments. Contact us via the Hospital Switchboard (02 9515 6111) or via our parish office (02 9557 1181 or stjocamper@gmail.com).

We're here for you

CATECHISTS' CORNER

Thinking of becoming Catholic?

We're happy to accompany you through your journey of faith. Send us a message at stjocamper@gmail.com.

Would you like to be a catechist and teach children about Jesus and the scriptures?

For queries, please contact our Parish Catechist Coordinator, Alicia Buxton 0412155967.



Upcoming Feast Days and Solemnities

9 Jun	Mary, Mother of the Church	23 Jun	St Paulinus of Nola
11 Jun	St Barnabas	24 Jun	Nativity of St John the Baptist
13 Jun	St Anthony of Padua	27 Jun	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
15 Jun	The Most Holy Trinity	28 Jun	St Irenaeus & The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary
19 Jun	St Romuald	29 Jun	Sts Peter and Paul
21 Jun	St Aloysius Gonzaga		
22 Jun	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)		

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

WALK WITH CHRIST

SUNDAY
22 JUNE
2025



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FESTIVAL: MARTIN PLACE FROM 1:00PM.

PROCESSION: BEGINS AT 2:30PM SHARP.
CORNER OF MARTIN PLACE AND PITT ST.



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On Sunday the 22nd of June, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Let us come together as one parish in procession to unite and joyfully proclaim the real presence of our Lord along the streets of Sydney CBD. Festival begins at 1pm at Martin Place. Procession begins at 2:30pm sharp, corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land, on which St Joseph's Camperdown stands, for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation. Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or email safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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